

CHAPTER NO. 876

SENATE BILL NO. 2418

By McNally, Gilbert

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2340

By Burchett, Bittle, Sharp, Boyer, Wood

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 14, relative to court appointed legal counsel.

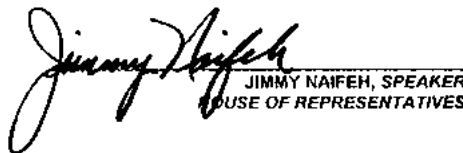
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-14-202, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() Before and during the trial of a criminal matter, the cover sheets that reflect the total fees and expenses paid to defense counsel and that reflect the total amount paid for expert services from public funds for the use in representing an indigent criminal defendant or prosecuting a criminal defendant are a public record. In addition, a record of the total amount paid to an expert from public funds is a public record if such expert has offered evidence and is known to the public because of testimony on the record. Before and during the trial of a criminal matter, detailed attorney fees and expense claims, motions and orders dealing with the authorization of expert services, and detailed time sheets of undisclosed experts shall be sealed and unavailable for public inspection.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to every claim for compensation filed on or after such date.


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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED: April 23, 1998

APPROVED this 6th day of May 1998


DON S. QUIST, GOVERNOR